

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Council Meeting
Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia
February 11, 2010
Bryant Commons
Hinesville, Georgia

Call to Order: Matt Norsworthy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40AM.

Roll Call: Attendance was taken by sign-in sheet

Members present: Matt Norsworthy, Jan Bass, Frank W. Brown, Carrie Welter, Betty Lee Waller, Vicki Davis, Lynn Pace, Walt Natzic, Al Theus, John A. Mitchell, Randy Branch, Ellen Harris, Daniel Carey, Pearl Boynes, Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Missy Brandt, Cullen Chambers, Frank W. Brown, and Al Freeland

New members: Christina Redden, Christine Sheppard

Members absent: Thomas M. Anderson, Carolyn W. Downs Steve Scholar, Karin Stenborg, Rodney Sheffield, John Kennison, Ralph Price, Eutween Griffin, Gail Fox Evans, Sarah P. Ward, Wayne Seay, Otis A. Amason, Jr., Modibo M. Kadalie, Luciria Lovette, Robert Allen, Jr., Charlie Fenwick, John S. Hunter, III, Bill Giles, Steve Smith, Danny Brown, Arthur Edgar, Mary Beth Wester, David Buie, Mike Hosti, Sean Kasper, Diane Moore, Sarah Ward and Gail Fox Evans

Guests: Dave Welter, Amanda Cox

Staff: Jason Kotarski

Welcome: Vicki Davis welcomed the group to the Bryant Commons and gave an overview of the farmstead and current museum. The 54 acre site with numerous barns and outbuildings, a large pond and extensive trails will become a new community facility. The telephony exhibit has numerous examples of communication technology through the modern era.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the May 12, August 11, and November 11 meetings were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Cullen Chambers updated the Council on the recent Technical Advisory Committee work in the region.

- TAC installed a sump-pump in the basement to remove built up water from roof leak. Dorchester Academy still taking quotes from contractors
- Dr. Stewart's home and pharmacy in Portal still taking estimates . Site visit was made in January to reevaluate the masonry piers.
- Carnochan tabby ruins in McIntosh is put on hold until further notice
- Harrington School visit and assessment with SSLT, CAAH, CGHS

Business:

- The 2010 officers were elected. Chair Nathaniel Mia-Lombardo, Vice Chair Jan Bass, and Secretary Vicki Davis.

News from the region

- Frank Brown informed that the Woodbine Theatre and "Lettuce Barn" are receiving a condition assessment from a firm from Macon.
- Vicki Davis informed that the Hinesville Historic Resources Survey is on-going, the Old Jail Restoration will be continuing soon with the surrounding fence. She also mentioned the Hidden Treasures of Liberty County project.
- Carrie Welter informed that the Averitt Centre has allocated \$140K for historic and cultural arts projects. They are surveying the Bulloch Historical Society for project ideas and priorities.
- Cullen Chambers informed that the windows and doors on the front façade of the Tybee Theatre have been completed, Tybee Historical Society is moving a raised cottage onto it's property and there is hope of a HP commission.
- Llyod Flanders mentioned that DOT mislabeled Darien River but that they wouldn't change it.
- Nathaniel Mai-Lombardo informed that the house moving project for the city center in Garden City is complete.
- Betty Waller informed that they are having an event on Saturday at Old Effingham and the Scenic Byway project is almost complete, they are also looking at creating a nature trail.
- Pearl Boynes is keeping the Guyton community centre on the priority list.
- Ellen Harris is coordinating a charette for the removal of the I-16 flyover of MLK Blvd in Savannah.
- Daniel Carey informed that the Historic Savannah Foundation is holding a lecture series starting Feb 17th at the First African American Baptist Church
- Lynn Pace informed that the centennial event was a success, the Dunlevie restoration is complete, and Allenhurst is interested in becoming a national registered historic district.
- Al Theus informed that a survey is needed in Long County and there is an old house from 1843 that the owner needs help preserving.
- Christina Redding from Glynn County informed that she is working to create a story time series for oral stories along the coast.

- Walt Natzic informed that he is working on a national register nomination for Point Peter Battlefield in St. Mary's and wants to work toward retrieving artifacts from the site's excavation.
- John Mitchell informed that there are Plum Orchard furnishings that they are planning to conserve on Cumberland Island.
- Christine Sheppard informed that the Richmond Hill city centre is open
- Jan Bass informed that she is working on a PA grant for the second phase of the Richmond Hill wayfinding project. Streetscaping phase 1 is beginning.
- Missy Bryant informed that McIntosh County is submitting application to become a CLG. The Strain Building is still for sale and the Grant house needs restoration but the owner wants to leave it alone.
- Al Freeland informed that the Commemorative of the Battle for Brier Creek will be February 27th at the First Baptist Church.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned. HPAC members toured the International Telephony Museum and the Old Liberty Jail.